



# Ashton Observatory Public Nights 2024

Presented by The Des Moines Astronomical Society, Inc.

Ashton Observatory is open to the public for weekend programs, followed by stargazing – Saturday evenings, April through October.



Date	Time	Presentation Subject	Presenter	days	Moon
Apr. 06	8:00 p.m.	<b>Closed due to total solar eclipse activities Monday .....</b>			26.6 ☉
13	8:00 p.m.	A First Telescope? .....	DMAS team		5.0 ☉
20	8:00 p.m.	.....			11.3 ☉
27	8:00 p.m.	(cancelled due to severe weather).....			17.8 ☉
May 04	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing – no classroom program first Saturdays.....			25.1 ☉
11	8:00 p.m.	What’s In The Sky This Month? .....	Derryl Barr		3.3 ☉
18	8:00 p.m.	(Star Party with the Science Center of Iowa).....			9.8 ☉
25	8:00 p.m.	Lunacy – all about the Moon .....	JR Paulson		16.4 ☉
Jun. 01	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing – no classroom program first Saturdays.....			23.8 ☉
08	8:00 p.m.	What’s In The Sky This Month? .....	Derryl Barr		1.8 ☉
15	8:00 p.m.	.....			8.3 ☉
22	8:00 p.m.	CSI – Uraniborg – the mystery of Tycho Brahe & Johannes Kepler... ..	JR Paulson		14.9 ☉
29	8:00 p.m.	.....			22.5 ☉
Jul. 13	8:00 p.m.	100 Things in the Night Sky [Dean Regas]		06 ☉ 13 ☉ 20 ☉ 27 ☉	
27	8:00 p.m.	Music in the Skies [Greg Woolever]			
Aug. 03	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing – no classroom program first Saturdays.....			28.3 ☉
10	8:00 p.m.	Our Address in the Universe.....	JR Paulson		5.2 ☉
17	8:00 p.m.	.....			11.9 ☉
24	8:00 p.m.	Types of Objects in the Universe .....	Paul Caligiuri		19.8 ☉
31	8:00 p.m.	.....			26.9 ☉
Sep. 07	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing – no classroom program first Saturdays.....			3.7 ☉
14	8:00 p.m.	CCD astrophotography.....	JR Paulson		10.4 ☉
21	8:00 p.m.	.....			18.4 ☉
28	8:00 p.m.	What Did We Know 100 Years Ago? .....	Jim VandeBerg		25.4 ☉
Oct. 05	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing – no classroom program first Saturdays.....			2.2 ☉
12	8:00 p.m.	Protecting the Night Sky.....	JR Paulson		8.8 ☉
19	8:00 p.m.	.....			16.8 ☉
26	8:00 p.m.	Was Someone Eclipsed .....	Derryl Barr		23.9 ☉

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